Complaints regarding ALHs

†*152. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the three Chiefs of Armed Forces have lodged their complaints to Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) regarding quality of Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs);

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that a large number of such helicopters have become inoperative for want of spare parts and maintenance; and

(c) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) (a) to (c) The Service Chiefs of Armed Forces have given feed-back to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on the performance of the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) in their respective fleet based on the operational experience in the initial phase of induction of such complex machines. Such feed-back is essential to incorporate necessary modifications to improve the capabilities of ALH in service and maintainability. They have now evinced satisfaction on the serviceability and other aspects of ALH.

The serviceability of ALH has shown substantial improvement over a period of time with extensive product support provided by HAL in the areas of supply of spares, tools and other equipment and also technical and logistics support at operational bases.

In order to support ALH in a fun integrated manner, HAL has set up a new Division for maintenance, repair and overhaul which will have facilities for repair and overhaul of all critical systems including engine, avionics, transmission system etc. and all other equipment fitted on ALH.

Criteria for SEZs

†*153. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down any criteria regarding Special Economic Zone policy in the recent past;

(b) the benefit, farmers of the country will get as a result thereof and whether they will get full money for their land and what are the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the number of SEZs approved in Haryana after SEZ policy of Government and the number of acres of land to be acquired from the farmers;

(d) the amount of compensation per acre to be paid to the farmers and the period within which such compensation would be/has been given to the farmers after land acquisition; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.